

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 22. (canceled).

23. (previously presented) A printing system for placing content within an electronic document to be printed, the system comprising:

a job preparation station for preparing the document in a first printer ready file format wherein each page to receive a page number when printed is provided with a flag, tag or marker, said station including a computer having a memory; said job preparation station including an input device for a user to input the flag, tag or marker in association with each said page to receive a page number; and

said computer having a routine and operative to employ the routine to calculate page numbers and to modify the document into a second printer ready file format wherein different page numbers are thereby associated with the pages to receive page numbers.

24. (previously presented) The printing system according to Claim 23 and wherein the first printer ready file format is as a PDF document and the second printer ready file format is as a PDF document.

25. (previously presented) The printing system according to Claim 24 and wherein the pages of the document in the first printer ready file format are portable and pages of the document in the second printer ready file format are unportable.

26. (previously presented) The printing system according to Claim 24 and wherein the pages of the document in the second printer ready format retain the flag, tag or marker in association with each said page so as to identify that page numbering by the computer operating the routine was used to

calculate the different page numbers.

27. (previously presented) The printing system according to Claim 23 and wherein a flag, tag or marker is associated with one or more pages of the electronic document in the first printer ready file format to identify said one or more pages as receiving a watermark.

28. (previously presented) The printing system according to Claim 23 and wherein the job preparation station includes a display for reviewing thumbnails of all pages within the document and the user input device allows the user to select those pages that are not to receive a page number and those pages not to receive a page number are provided with a flag, tag or marker.

29. (previously presented) The printing system according to Claim 28 and wherein in a preview mode the thumbnails do not have page numbers displayed.

30. (previously presented) The printing system according to Claim 23 and wherein pages within the document in a first printer ready file format may be moved around the document without introducing page-numbering conflicts.

31. (previously presented) The printing system according to Claim 23 and wherein pages within the document in a first printer ready file format may be moved to a different document without introducing page-numbering conflicts.

32. (previously presented) The printing system according to Claim 23 and wherein a subset of pages of the document to be printed are to be printed on tab stock and at least some pages of the electronic document to be printed on tab stock have associated therewith a respective flag, tag or marker to identify such pages as to have a respective page number printed thereon.

33. (previously presented) The printing system according to

Claim 32 and wherein the document to be printed includes pages that are to be printed as duplex pages and other pages to be printed as simplex pages.

34. (previously presented) A method for placing content within an electronic document to be printed, the method comprising:

preparing the document in a first printer ready file format wherein each page to receive a page number when printed is provided with a flag, tag or marker;

operating a routine in a computer to calculate page numbers in response to the flag, tag or marker and to modify the document into a second printer ready file format wherein different page numbers are thereby associated with the pages to receive page numbers.

35. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34 and wherein the first printer ready file format is as a PDF document and the second printer ready file format is as a PDF document.

36. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 35 and wherein the pages of the document in the first printer ready file format are portable and pages of the document in the second printer ready file format are unportable.

37. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 35 and wherein the pages of the document in the second printer ready format retain the flag, tag or marker in association with each said page so as to identify that page numbering by the computer operating the routine was used to calculate the different page numbers.

38. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34 and wherein a flag, tag or marker is associated with one or more pages of the electronic document in the first printer ready file format to identify said one or more pages as receiving a watermark.

39. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34 and

wherein the job preparation station includes a display for reviewing thumbnails of all pages within the document and the user input device allows the user to select those pages that are not to receive a page number and those pages not to receive a page number are provided with a flag, tag or marker.

40. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 39 and wherein in a preview mode the thumbnails do not have page numbers displayed.

41. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34 and wherein pages within the document in a first printer ready file format may be moved around the document without introducing page-numbering conflicts.

42. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34 and wherein pages within the document in a first printer ready file format may be moved to a different document without introducing page-numbering conflicts.

43. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34 and wherein a subset of pages of the document to be printed are to be printed on tab stock and at least some pages of the electronic document to be printed on tab stock have associated therewith a respective flag, tag or marker to identify such pages as to have a respective page number printed thereon.

44. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34 and wherein the document to be printed includes pages that are to be printed as duplex pages and other pages to be printed as simplex pages.

45. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34 and wherein in the electronic document page numbers are removed from certain pages and the electronic document is reprocessed by recalculating page numbers.